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TESTIMONY BEFORE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2095
RELATED TO PROVIDING A SPECIAL VEHICLE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN VEHICLE
COMBINATIONS

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

My name is Joel Skelley, I am the Director of Policy at the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). I am here this afternoon to provide neutral testimony and answer questions you may have for KDOT on House Bill 2095. Our neutral testimony is based on the approved technical language amendment offered up today. The language changes have been made so that KDOT's legal jurisdiction is consistent with other existing permit statutes, a suggested name change of the permit to avoid confusion with an already existing permit and includes a couple of clarifications of operation under this permit.

Increased weights on trucks has been a topic of discussion in Kansas and other states across the country for several years now. As a result of these discussions in Kansas specifically KDOT performed some analysis on our system of highways and bridges. Based on this analysis KDOT believes that any increase in weight over the current legal weight would need to have an increase in number of axles on the vehicle. House Bill 2095 requires this.

Thank you for your time today. I will now stand for questions.